City updating its traffic signals

City of Ridgecrest has updated its traffic signals in the area of Bowman Road and College Heights Boulevard, in an effort to improve the efficiency and prioritization of left turns, with the results being improved.

Lake hazmat storage permit

The City of Ridgecrest has updated its hazardous waste storage permit for its facility located at 95826-3200 (916) 255-4448 or email her at Kimsyoung@dtsc.ca.gov

Change to NAWS China Lake

NAWS China Lake has requested a change to its hazardous waste storage permit at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Weymouth Funeral Home in Newport News, with burial at St. Michael’s Hall in Newport News immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to the American Cancer Society or Dining for Women.

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MORENO VALLEY, Calif. - The Bureau of Land Management has appointed five members to the California Desert District (CDD) Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to help advise the agency on over 10 million acres of public lands throughout eastern California desert public land management issues. The BLM is composed of members with diverse interests and backgrounds. The Desert Advisory Council is a valuable part of citizens that provide input and advice to the management of more than 11 million acres of public land throughout the California Desert District (CDD) states Ben Gruber, Acting California Desert District Manager. The five new members and their diverse background bring new perspectives to the strong working relationship we enjoy with the council. The newly appointed members of the BLM California Desert District Advisory Council include:

- James Kenney, California Desert District Manager, a plus-length professional with experience in natural resource issues; and help the BLM carry out its nation-wide stewardship of 245 million acres - the largest land portfolio of any federal agency. The BLM maintains 38-chartered advisory committees in the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. Each RAC consists of 10 to 15 members who represent stakeholder interests in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academicians and others. For more information on becoming involved in the California Desert District Advisory Council, please visit https://www.blm.gov/california/california-desert-district/.

BLS appoints 5 to Desert Advisory Council

On July 1, 2018, the Kern County Sheriff’s Office conducted 42 decoy operations totaling the Alcohol Beverage Control results in 132 DUI arrests. That resulted in 132 arrests for violations ranging from fictitious charges, providing minors with alcoholic beverages, and minors in possession of alcoholic beverages. Deputies also conducted seven IMPACT operations at numerous locations in the county. Those inspections are to ensure businesses li- censed through ABC are up-to-date and in compli- ance with requirements, as well as dealing with people of alcohol. The Sheriff’s Office is committed to working in partnership with the community to address these issues involving underage drinking and blight issues at these ABC licensed establishments. If you have any issues with these types of locations, please contact the Kern County Sheriff’s Office or your local ABC office.

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**KCSO warns of scam**

The Kern County Sheriff's Office has received reports of a scam involving people pretending to be President Trump. On June 30, a person received a phone call from an individual claiming to be related to President Trump and was told to give them the 13-digit card number associated with a bank account.

**Publisher's Pen: The November 2020 election**

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T**oday in all but the hunting.

President Trump will win. Here's why.

I know, it's early...way early in some people's minds to make that statement with the actual...
Angels fans pay their respects at dusk by placing flowers at a growing memorial at Angel Stadium in Anaheim after hearing the news that Angel pitcher Tyler Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room in Texas Monday, July 1, 2019.

BY ANDY MCCULLOUGH
Los Angeles Times

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tyler Skaggs stood in front of a Los Angeles Angels dugout a week ago, flashed his star teammate Shohei Ohtani a grin, and tossed a ball to pitcher Garrett Richards and outfielder Randal Grichuk.

"You’re the one searching the country," Butcher told Skaggs. "She’s really hard on me," Skaggs told the Los Angeles Times in 2008. "Even now, she says I should get up the phone."

Skaggs was approached the prime of life — healthy on the mound, and newly wed to his wife, Carli, in De- cember. For the Angels, there was the shocking secrecy of a decade ago, when 22-year-old pitcher Nick Adenhart was killed by a drunken driver. The organization released a statement during the afternoon that Skaggs was killed by a drunken driver. The organi-

"Words cannot express the deep sadness we feel right now," general manage Billy Eppler said. "I know he was very close with his mom," general manager Jerry Dipoto said. "He raised a great son, and it showed with how people gravitated toward him. He al-

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Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Tyler Skaggs threw during the third inning against the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. Skaggs died at age 27.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July

Angels’ Tyler Skaggs remembered for confidence, competitiveness and wit

SEE SKAGGS, B7

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BY ALICIA DELGALLO
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times staff writer<br>
Thursday, July 4, 2019

England to fend off the reigning world champions, Alex Morgan scored her sixth goal in the 31st minute before Alex Morgan scored her sixth goal on her birthday and Alyssa Naeher preserved the Americans’ lead for the rest of the game. The American goalkeeper, received a standing ovation from the crowd, preserved the Americans’ lead for the rest of the game.

Alex Morgan from the USA, left, celebrates with England’s Millie Bright, right, on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 during the semifinal round of the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup at Stade de Lyon in Decines-Chapitre, France.

Kings coach. He closed on a new student on a college campus. He sometimes needs directions. He feels comfortable here, McLellan said jokingly.

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sushi Haugen, Percol, something (Kent) Schoe- nes, Ben Wisler had a weird wedding,” he told the Times this spring. “I love it. I know all those guys.”

Skaggs took a convenient route to his ranks in the majors. In the summer of 2010, the Angels shipped him to the Arizona Diamondbacks as part of a trade package or exchange for pitcher Dan Haren. After the trade, Skaggs remained at a minors league game in Reno. Bane was sad to see Skaggs depart the organization.

“and he told me, ‘Relax. Don’t worry about it. I’m still going to play in the majors,’ ” he said. “That was the start of him growing up and becoming like he was. It gave me the confidence to say the word was, ‘because it doesn’t make any sense.’”

Skaggs reached the big leagues at 20 in 2012, but could not find a foothold in Arlington. The Diamondbacks dealt him back to Arizona before the 2014 season.

Health issues dogged Skaggs during his second stint with the Angels. He required Tommy John surgery in 2013 and had knee surgery in the summer of 2018. He made it back two years later, but was limited to 26 appearances in 2018 and 2019.

Skaggs started 24 games last season and showed signs of regression. His influence on his teammates was sizable. A fan of former Angels pitcher Bartolo Colon, he accompanied bullpen coach Andrew Bailey on a trip to a children’s hospital in Minnesota this May.

“When we’re out there on the ice, it’s just the four of us around people and he was a great teammate,” righty said.

Skaggs relished the competition of his profession. An aloha shirt-wearing Hawaiian, he offered an insider into his perks. For seven scoreless innings, he dueled with Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander in May 2018. Skaggs donated his time to the Children’s Hospital of Orange County, and volunteered to accompany bullpen coach Andrew Bailey on a trip to a children’s hospital in Minnesota this May.

“Besides being our resident DJ, he was someone who bought into the 4th of July

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LA Marathon disqualifies senior runner Frank Meza for alleged cheating

BY DAVID WHARTON

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles – The Los Angeles Marathon disqualified 70-year-old runner Frank Meza, saying that video cameras showed he left the course for a portion of his record-setting performance in March and that his time during one stretch was so fast as to be impossible.

Though Meza has reportedly denied cheating, he has come under scrutiny with the long-distance community questioning his finals in 2 hours 31 minutes 15 seconds — the fastest ever for a man his age.

Amid the accusations, officials with

Conquer Endurance Group, which operates the marathon, began reviewing video from race cameras and security cameras at re-

turn tally positions along the 26.2 miles from Dodger Stadium to Santa Monica.

The footage showed Meza, a retired physi-

cian, stepped off the course and reentered at another point, official-

s said.

“The video evidence is confirmed by a cred-

tible eyewitness report and our calculation that Dr. Meza’s actual running time for at least one 5K course segment would have had to be faster than the current 70-74 age-group 5K world record,” they stated, adding that his pace would have been “an impossible feat during a marathon.”

It might seem unlikely that an elderly, recre-

ational runner could become the topic of na-

tional debate, but the marathon community takes its ethics serious-

ly and has been left dis-

trustful by a history of fraud. The Meza story has sparked thousands of online posts, fol-

lowed by a series of ar-

ticles on the website marathoninvestigation.com, which cited video and statistical ev-

idence suggesting he cheated in more than one event.

On Monday, Meza re-

iterated his previous assertion that, during last spring’s race, he left the course in search of a restroom and con-

tinued along the side-

walk for some distance before finding one.

“I didn’t cut the course,” he said. Officials also cited him for wearing his numbered bib on his hip instead of pinning it to his shirt, which has raised concerns that he passed the bib to another runner for a portion of the marathon.

Unlike many serious runners, Meza said he has never carried a GPS device that might con-

tribute to his location at all times.

Asked about the un-

usual fast 5K pace cited by officials, he
could not offer an ex-

planation.

“I don’t know,” he said. “I wish I did.”

Before this spring, Meza was better known for devoting his free time to low-cost health care and mentoring Latino students. He is a lifelong runner who has served as an assistant coach for track and cross-country at Los Angeles Loyola High. It wasn’t until age 60 that he began entering marathons and, after a few years, showing sig-

nificant progress. As his results improved, the California Interna-

tional Marathon twice questioned his incor-

rect splits, the times recorded at various

points along its Sacra-

mento course.

Officials disqualified him in both instances and ultimately banned him from the event.

The L.A. Marathon initially voiced con-

cerns about Meza in 2015, asking him to run the following year with an official observer. He chose instead to enter a Northern California marathon in 2016. With this latest dis-

qualification, L.A. offi-


cials have again asked Meza to run with an observer. He said he plans to enter in 2020 to prove he can finish the marathon in less than three hours.

“That’s no my silver lining,” he said.